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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: <i>HJERTH, Kjell-Owe et al.</i>	Group Art Unit: 3683
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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS:**

The following is in response to the Office Action dated August 18, 2004.